

"CI-OECA-DE-2015-0008" Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number:

CI-OECA-DE-2015-0008

Hiring Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

Position Title:

Criminal Investigator, GS-1811-09

Open Period:

07/15/2015 - 07/15/2015

This vacancy is limited to a certain number of applicants and may close before the close date listed here if that limit is reached.

Series/Grade:

GS - 1811 09

Salary:

\$52998.00 - \$85491.00

Promotion Potential:

GS-13


Duty Location(s):


FEW in Detroit, MI, US


FEW in Bismarck, ND, US

FEW in Wheeling, WV, US

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Overview

Who May Apply:

Any U.S. citizen may apply.

NOTE: This announcement will remain open through 11:59 PM Eastern time on the day the 75th application is received (all applications received on that day will be considered), or 11:59 PM Eastern time on the closing date, whichever comes first.

Security Clearance Required:

Secret

Duration Appointment:

Permanent

Marketing:

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Summary:

Earth Day is every day at EPA! Our diverse workforce connects to more than just a career--we share a common passion to promote a cleaner, healthier environment. Discover how exciting safeguarding our natural resources and protecting human health can be. We consistently rank as one of the top Federal agencies in which to work, with great benefits and work flexibilities.

This position is located in the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT), Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Philadelphia Area Office, Wheeling Resident Office, Wheeling, WV; Denver Area Office, Bismarck Resident Office, Bismarck, ND and Chicago Area Office, Detroit Resident Office, Grosse Ile, MI.

For more information on this office, visit their website: <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/> (7/16) ([Source: epa.gov/epa/](#))

Except under special circumstances, a new GS employee will be hired at step one of the applicable GS grade.

Supervisory Position:

No

Relocation Authorized:

No

Key Requirements:

You must be a U.S. citizen. If you are selected, a pre-employment background check is required. You may be required to travel 16 days or more per month. Pre-employment drug testing is required and random testing thereafter. See requirements under Qualifications Section. You must submit resume and required documents. (See How to Apply Tab)

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Duties

You will:

--Participate in investigations of suspected criminal violations of environmental statutes. Assist senior Special Agents in criminal investigations of varying complexity and scope; piece together evidence that comes from other investigators stationed throughout the nation. Assist with the collation, evaluation, and integration of information on possible violation(s) and recommend courses of enforcement action to prosecute and deter criminal violations of environmental protection statutes.

--Participate (with assistance of a senior Special Agent) in investigations of organizations that are complex and may have a large number of primary and subsidiary activities. Investigations have significant scope or are nationwide in origin or coverage. Suspected violators are often highly organized crime groups whose criminal activities are interwoven with legitimate business activities. Assignments may involve surveillance, arrests, and seizures which may be performed under hazardous and dangerous conditions.

--Assist with identifying and developing leads and initiating new cases based on CID investigation priorities. Gather raw intelligence, establishing productive contacts within EPA, other law enforcement organizations, prosecutors, public institutions, and the private sector.

--Develop and prepare operational plans (with assistance of senior Special Agents) for investigative activities required for Federal search and arrest warrants, undercover operations, and electronic surveillance and monitoring.

--With assistance of senior Special Agents, safely carry out duties to serve Federal search and arrest warrants through the use of sworn affidavits. Recognize, seize and preserve evidence at the place of search, and properly apply legal principles.

At the higher grade level, your assignments will be more complex and you should need less guidance from your supervisor.

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Qualifications and Evaluations

Education:

Criminal Investigators - Special Provisions

Medical Requirements: You must be found to be physically fit by an authorized government physician to perform strenuous and physically demanding duties.

Age Requirements: You must be at least 21 years of age and not older than 36 at the time of appointment. In accordance with PL 100-238, this position is covered under law enforcement retirements provisions; therefore, you must be appointed before reaching your 37th birthday unless you presently serve or have previously served in a Federal civilian law enforcement retirement-covered position.

Basic Agent Training Requirements: You must successfully complete and pass the required Basic Agent Training Program. Failure to pass the training program will result in separation from EPA.

Law Enforcement Training: You must successfully complete the 9-week Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Basic Criminal Investigator training program and the 8-week Environmental Investigations Basic training program at Glynco, GA. You must pass the training program on the first attempt or you will be removed from this position and failure may result in separation from the Agency. You are exempt from this training if you have previously completed the program.

You must meet qualifications to carry a firearm. Lautenberg Notice: Title 18 USC, Section 911 (g), automatically disqualifies anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from being appointed to this position. You must not have been convicted of a felony crime.

Work Schedule: The hours are long and irregular. You must be available at all times, to include holidays. You may also be sent on extended temporary duty station assignments away from your assigned office. You may be reassigned to different duty locations throughout the U.S. based on the needs of the Agency.

Requirements:

You must have a valid driver's license and be able to operate a Government-owned or leased motor vehicle.

This position is designated as High Risk and requires a background investigation. Unless an appropriate background investigation is already on record with the Office of Personnel Management, you must undergo a background investigation.

This position requires a secret security clearance.

If you are selected, you will be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form prior to your first day of employment and annually thereafter.

Evaluations:

We will review your resume and required documents to ensure you meet the basic qualification requirements. Your resume must address the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed in the Qualifications Section. If you meet basic qualification requirements, your application will be further evaluated based on your answers to the on-line assessment. Your responses to the on-line assessment will be used to measure the degree to which your background matches the requirements for the position. You are being evaluated under the category rating method which means, if you are determined to be qualified, you will be placed into the Best Qualified, Well Qualified, or Qualified Category.

We will compare your resume and supporting documentation to your responses on the assessment questionnaire. If you rate yourself higher than is supported by your application materials, your responses may be adjusted and/or you may be excluded from consideration for this job. We will evaluate your qualifications and eligibility and notify you if you meet minimum qualification requirements.

NOTE: We do not require a separate statement responding to the competencies, also referred to as Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs). However, your resume should clearly show possession of these competencies.

Qualifications:

You do not need a degree to qualify for this position.

We are looking for at least one year of experience related to this position as described below:

- Experience as a law enforcement officer, regulatory inspector or regulatory examiner, sufficient to recognize, develop and present evidence that reconstructs events, sequences, and time elements and establishes relationships, responsibilities and legal liabilities in a manner that meets requirements for presentation in various legal hearings and/or court proceedings.
- Experience assisting senior investigators in planning and conducting general, regulatory, or scientific inspections or investigations; verifying and corroborating information, and controlling evidence of violations; preparing portions of investigative reports; and testifying/attesting to evidence secured to contribute to regulatory, enforcement, or prosecutor action.

OR master's or equivalent graduate degree; or 2 full years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to such a degree; or LL.B. or J.D., if related.

Your answers to the on-line assessment will be used to evaluate your competencies in the following areas:

1. Knowledge of criminal provisions of environmental protection statutes, laws and regulations to inspection, investigation, enforcement, and/or compliance work.
2. Knowledge of business operations and techniques to analyze books and records to find evidence of complex, subtle and skillful manipulation and concealment.
3. Knowledge of decisions and preconditional cases involving admissibility of evidence, search and seizure, and arrest authority.
4. Skill in drafting complex investigative activity reports, undercover operational plans, search and arrest warrant affidavits, and other documents.
5. Ability to apply and interpret specific laws and regulations relating to investigative jurisdiction.

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

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Benefits and Other Info

Benefits:

Review our Benefits http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm and Benefits

Additional Benefits:

Join EPA in protecting human health and the environment and enjoy many work life quality options! Working for the EPA offers you a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, holidays, life insurance, health benefits, and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. To learn more about us, visit Life and Careers at EPA.

Other Information:

This information is used to determine your qualifications for employment. The use of this information is authorized under Title 5 USC, Sections 3302 and 3361.

Are you a Displaced Federal Employee? If so, please read the Required Documents and visit the EPA website for additional information http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm.

EPA participates in e-Verify. E-Verify is an Internet based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) that enables participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees. For additional information http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm.

If you are selected, travel, transportation, and relocation expenses will not be paid by EPA. Any travel, transportation, and relocation expenses associated with reporting to work in this position will be your responsibility.

If you have part-time work experience, read this: http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm

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This position is not in the bargaining unit.

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How to Apply

How to Apply:

You are strongly encouraged to read the entire announcement before you submit your application for this position.

To begin the application process, click the Apply On-line button to the right on this screen, follow the prompts to log-in/register, submit all required documents, and complete the assessment questionnaire. To be considered, you must submit a complete application package by 11:59 PM Eastern time on the closing date of this announcement.

All required supporting documents will be collected electronically via the USA Jobs document portfolio feature.

If you cannot apply on-line, contact the Human Resources Office listed to the right for assistance at least three business days prior to the closing date of this announcement. Reasonable accommodations will be provided on a case-by-case basis.

For detailed instructions to assist you in ensuring your application package is received, go to http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm ([http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm](#)).

Required Documents:

Documents to be submitted on-line:

- Resume clearly stating your experience related to this position as described in the Duties Section and Qualifications Required Section. In describing your experience, you need to be clear and specific. We may not make assumptions regarding your experience.

- Responses to the on-line assessment questionnaire

- Veterans' Preference Documents - DD-214 Member 4 copy, VA Letter, and SF-15, if applicable; active duty military submit statement of service from commanding officer documenting dates of active duty and any campaign medals/badges; include character of service.

- Displaced Federal employees under ICTAP/CTAP - copy of your most recent performance appraisal, proof of eligibility, and your most current SF-50 noting position, grade level, tenure, and duty station.

Additional information can be found on our web site: http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm

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What to Expect Next:

You can track the progress of your application package via your USAJobs account. You will receive an acknowledgement from USAJobs that your submission was successful, once we have received your on-line occupational questionnaire, resume and any supporting documentation. You will be

notified of the status of your application via your USAJobs Account after we conduct a qualification review of your complete application package. You will be contacted if further evaluation or interviews are required. Any exaggeration of your experience, false statements, or attempt to conceal information may disqualify you for employment consideration. We may verify all information you provide in your resume and questionnaire responses, through reference and/or background check, and/or verification of your education. If you are selected, you will be contacted personally by the human resources office posting this announcement.

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CERTIFICATE #: CI-GECA-DE-2015-0008-GS-09
CERTIFICATE GRADE: GS-09
LOCATION: Detroit, MI, US
ISSUE DATE: 09/09/2015
DUE DATE: 09/09/2015
EXPIRATION DATE: 12/08/2015

Number of Positions: 3

Series: 1811

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